GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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TENDERS FOR PURCHASING IMPORTED EQUIPMENTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Safdarjung Hospital invited tenders sometime in the past for purchasing imported equipments but the tenders have not yet been finalised even after two years;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof and the steps taken to expedite the finalisation of the tenders giving details of the equipments to be purchased;

(c) whether Safdarjung Hospital has surrendered crores of rupees which remained unutilized with it; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (d): Purchase of costly equipments including imported equipments for the Central Government hospitals is done after following all codal formalities as laid down in the rules.

In case of the Safdarjung Hospital, after following all codal formalities, orders have already been placed for the procurement of MRI (Rs. 6.24 crores), Cobalt Therapy Machine (Unit-I) (Rs.2.10 crores), Cobalt Therapy Machine (Unit-II) (Rs.2.20 crores), Brachy Therapy (Rs. 1.00 crores) and Back Alert 3-D System (Rs. 0.28 crores). Out of these, Back Alert 3-D System has already been installed in the Hospital in March 2005. Cobalt Therapy Machine (Unit-I) is in the process of being installed. Other equipments are likely to be received shortly. As the financial year ended on 31.03.2005, funds kept for these equipments could not be utilized and as such, Safdarjung Hospital had to surrender Rs.12.07 crores. This amount will be utilized during the current financial year.